

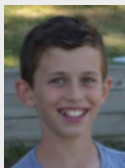
# THE WEEKLY PINENEEDLE

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## KAWAGA'S GUIDING PRINCIPLE OF THE WEEK: SPORTSMANSHIP

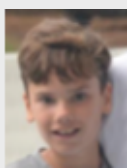
Sportsmanship is giving it your all in a sporting event while being respectful to opponents during and after a game. It can be summed up fairly well in Kawaga's Ideal as, "One who will be proud and unbending in defeat, yet humble and gentle in victory. Sportsmanship at Kawaga is demonstrated with an arm around a loser's shoulder, a cheer after every game, and hustling in each and every contest. The following campers were selected by the staff for showing acts of Sportsmanship during the past two weeks.

Chippewa Tribe  
**Ryan Shaewitz**



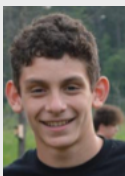
Ryan is respectful and a good sport in all of his league games. He often can be seen picking people up off the ground and complimenting opponents on their great play.

Sioux Tribe  
**Andrew Colianni**



Andrew gives 100% at all times and he also makes sure his teammates are going as hard as they can while remaining respectful to opponents and refs.

Mohawk Tribe  
**John Menfi**



John always prioritizes fair and generous play. He always tries his hardest to win but his main focus is making sure everyone is having fun.

Oneida Tribe  
**Josh Levitan**



Despite only being in Group 2, Josh leads by example in terms of sportsmanship, and his teammates follow suit in being polite and energetic.



## SENIORS BEAT THE COUNSELORS!

By Meyer Rosenthal

The annual Fourth of July softball game is a competition between the Senior campers and the Counselors. The entire camp gathers to watch these two teams go head to head on the Kawaga Shoreline each summer. Once Jay Adams and Quinn Korach gave the starting lineup, umpire Ty Simpson yelled "Play Ball!"

Clay Glazier started the game as pitcher for the Seniors and Benny Taxman swung at the pitch and was caught out in short center. Tucker Froelich had a similar pop-out as the seniors quickly collected two outs. Ethan Loewenstein hit a solid single and was sent to second base by Max Pollack on the very next play. Unfortunately for the Counselors, Gray Schneider hit a fly out to left field to end the top of the first. James Friedman, first up to bat for the Seniors, hit a great ball into left field for a single. Simon Shapiro then hit a double, sending James to third base. But their luck would end as Jaden Daube and Clay Glazier both flied out. To start off the second inning, Sam Pacala hit an absolute rocket for the first triple of the game. Eric Gandelman then smacked a single to knock in Sam as the Counselors took a 1-0 lead. On the next pitch Eric got picked off at first base to turn the momentum back towards the Seniors.

Gray Joseph and Griffin Kelly started off the bottom of the second inning with two quick outs. Jack Ableson and Nathan Delman both got on base to keep the Seniors alive. Then Owen Schneider stepped up to the plate and hit an RBI single to tie the game at 1-1. On the next at bat Eric Slavin grounded out to first to end the inning. The top of the third came and went with ease for the Seniors and they got 3 easy outs. The Seniors had a much more eventful half of the inning.

# THIS WEEK AT KAWAGA

## **Seniors-Counselors continued**

After a quick first out, Simon Shapiro got to first base and was batted in by Jaden Daube. The Seniors led 2-1 with two outs when Clay Glazier hit a double and then got batted in by Gray Joseph. The 4th and 5th innings came and went with 3 quick outs both ways. In the top of the 6th, Benny Taxman got on first and made it home after Tucker and Ethan both had two solid hits. In the bottom of the 6th inning, Simon Shapiro had an amazing hit that got him to third, and later scored on a great single from Gray Joseph.

The Seniors secured the lead once more heading into the seventh and final inning. It all came down to the Counselors needing two runs to tie the game and the Seniors needing 3 outs for the win. Sam Pacala led off the top of the 7th inning with a fly ball far into right field. It looked like it was gone but Eric Slavin made quite a catch for the first out. After Alex Cohen popped out for the second out Bob Gottlieb stepped up to the plate. The battle led to a full count and it was Clay vs. Bob, the two pitchers going at it. Clay pitched the ball and the crowd went silent as the ball sailed through the air. And with a very loud "Strike three, he's out!" from Ty Simpson, the Seniors had defeated the Counselors 4-2.

## **MESSAGE TO GARCIA**

By Ari Schulman

Tuesday night began with a classic evening program, "Message to Garcia." The game consists of two teams, Blue and Gold. The attacking team tries to reach zones on diamond one to get the points for their team. The defensive team's goal is to catch them and find a hidden paper on their body, for which they will receive points. The day leading up to Message To Garcia was a rainy one. Many people were sliding all over the place and using the conditions to their advantage, adding a new twist to an old classic. The wetness of the ground and intense play between the Blue and Gold teams made the game extremely competitive. Campers strategized, formed alliances, and went all out to secure the victory for their respective teams. Guys like Eli Fey and Chase Adair could be seen running right through defenses, while Graham Montpetit and Anders Stenberg held off offensive pushes. The game was tight and it resulted in an extreme amount of fun. Surveyed by an anonymous

camper, "It was electric." All the hype even made going to jail fun. At the conclusion of the game, Blue was declared the winner, and both teams shook hands. It was among the best evening programs of the summer.

## **SIMPSON SHOWDOWN**

By Solomon Kwartowitz

Following a decadent indoor buffet on June 29th, all of Camp Kawaga (sans CITs) gathered on the side of the Omni to learn what evening program they would be participating in for the night. Then, all of a sudden Ty and Lauren came out from behind the Mess Hall in boxing gloves throwing punches at one another, left and right. Right as this occurred, Quinn Korach leapt up exclaiming, "Looks like we have a Simpson Showdown!" The camp instantly cheered in excitement, most knowing what was in store for them in the night ahead. For the next five minutes, Quinn gave a brief explanation of how the EP would work. Simpson Showdown is a station EP, meaning you can venture to whatever station you want to go to throughout the night. At each station you can compete to your best ability in that event to earn Kawaga Cash by being one of the best three campers in your tribe. Some of the different stations included... Name that tune!: A counselor plays a song and you try to name it. 3 on 3 Volleyball: Take on the counselors with your friends to try and score points. 1 on 1 tramp ball: Take on a counselor to try and score in tramp ball. Ro-Sham-Bo: take on Spatch in Kawaga's version of rock paper scissors. Cabin Run: Sprint from cabin 7 to 13 as fast as you can. Basketball Shoot: Shoot from different sports on the Omni and try and earn as many points as possible in two minutes. Climbing Wall: Climb wall 1 in the big house as fast as you can. Pushups/ Pullups: Complete as many consecutive pushups/ pullups as you can. Half Courters: Try and make half courters at the stadium court. Ball Roll: Try and roll a ball to land on the baseline of the tennis court from the net. Tennis Ball Catch: Try and catch high hit tennis balls on diamond one. Tennis ball chip: using putters, try and chip tennis balls over the fence from cabin fifteen into trash bins for points. As the EP went on, incredible events transpired such as back to back half courters from Tyson Daube and Phillip Kaplan. Later on in the evening, Jayden Daube, Jason Gottlieb, and Devin Friedman dominated in 3 on 3 volleyball. Down in the Big

House, Sol Kwartowitz climbed wall one in four seconds and Eli Metz completed a whopping 101 pushups. Grant Levison beat Sam Pacala in Ro-Sham-Bo five times. Slowly, darkness enclosed camp and the EP came to a close with all of its participants having a great time.

## APP NIGHT

By Jake Brodsky

As dinner finished up on July 1st, we were told that we would have a brief Open Areas. After hanging in the hammocks for a little bit with my age group we were told to head down to the side of the Mess Hall. Upon arrival, we see Benny Taxman and Harrison Menaker standing there waiting to announce the E.P. After about a minute, Benny's phone started to blow up. He looked at Harrison to tell him that his "apps" were blowing up. At this moment we all knew that it was App Night. Benny then announced that it was App Night and went over the stations. These stations were all for Kawaga cash and it was all against our age group. There were many stations such as TikTok at the Waterfront, fishing at the Wharf, FIFA on D1, Trivia Crack at Bob, Trampball, and so much more. We traveled around with people from our cabins so we could win cash. First off, my cabin went to FIFA. I scored a goal and it was pretty fun. My highlight of the night was definitely TikTok at the Waterfront. Aksel Lindenmeyr "on accident" pushed Ethan Kaufmann into the lake fully clothed. Due to that, Quinn and Jackson gave us 100 points and we got first place. Another highlight was getting first place in the paper in the bucket toss. I got 9 points. After a little while they called end of E.P. We then headed back to the cabin after a great night and a fun evening program.

## GOLD RUSH

by Scott Reinish

During dinner on the 4th of July, campers took a breather after a scorcher of a day. They had been running around all afternoon, with the Senior vs. Counselor softball game having taken place after breakfast, and Beach Day happening following lunch. As the meal concluded, in came Quinn Korach yelling, "The British are coming, the British are coming!" As the campers tried to comprehend what was happening, Quinn continued, "... to take your gold!" Campers instantly knew that the 4th of July EP would be Gold Rush. In Gold Rush, campers locate hidden chips, rocks, and bags around camp for Kawaga Cash. While they are collecting, counselors are lurking waiting to pull their extra

socks and send them to the waterfront for a "punishment." In 4th of July style, the counselors were called "redcoats" and the rocks were painted red, white, and blue. Campers run all around camp, with Cabins 5 and 11 collecting the most cash.

## ELECTRO NIGHT

By Ethan Levine

July 6th was a long day of rain and after spending time inside since the start of rest hour, campers were ready for a change. At the end of dinner, the lights in the Mess Hall started flicking on and off. Confused, campers looked around to find the source of flickering. In rushed several counselors, exclaiming that camp needed to be saved from a power outage, in Electro Night. Campers were told to go to the side of the Omni for further explanation. There they were told the rules of Electro Night and the teams they would be split into. In Electro Night, each team has a bucket full of tennis balls inside of a defensive zone. Enemy teams must enter the defensive zone, steal balls without being touched, and return it to their team's bucket. Teams earn points by returning balls and by having balls in their bucket at the end of the round. Campers headed out to D2 in cleats and colorful shirts representing their team. Players were apprehensive out of the gate. They were cold and wet and didn't want to give it their all. Soon, however, that changed. As the game progressed everyone started to enjoy it. Campers embraced the slippery field by sliding stomach first into piles of mud. Quinn Korach and Sean Gooze ran a continuous dance party at the jail, with campers such as Eli Clayman-Smith and Blake Westwater showing off their moves. The teams went all out, planning blitzing offensives and making fantastic defensive tags. The white team, in particular, dominated the night, thanks to the help of their coach Ethan Warady. Players such as Jack Pollack and Magnus Sandusky could always be spotted with a tennis ball in their hands. Levi Stein and August Stenberg were locking it down defensively for their teams. As the evening wrapped up, there was no doubt that this Electro Night was the best EP of the summer.

## COUNSELOR OLYMPICS

By Jake Brodsky

Following a delicious chicken dinner on July 7th, the campers were told to close up the open areas and head to the side of the Omni. Campers waited for a

while, with Ethan Loewenstein and Tucker Froelich doing trivia to pass the time. Everyone went silent as Max Pollack, Benny Taxman, and Harrison Menaker came down wearing white togas. Max was holding a torch and Harrison was holding a speaker playing Olympic music. The campers were then told that the EP was Counselor Olympics. Counselor Olympics is a Kawaga Cash EP. Campers pick which counselors will finish in the top three of an event, and if they are correct they are rewarded with Kawaga Cash. There are also prop bets that campers can take to earn more Kawaga Cash. The first event of the night was the ball toss, which was won easily by Ethan Warady. Ethan nearly hit Crow's Nest on the fly from across Diamond I. Later, in the 3-point contest, Ty Simpson took home the crown despite tough competition from Eli Shaw and Andrew Herman. In the egg toss, Nathan Simon and Sam Pacala took the surprising win, many of the eggs they threw hit the ground but didn't break! In the home run derby, Ty Simpson once again took the win. In the end, campers had a nice relaxing evening and took home plenty of Kawaga Cash.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

### WATER SKIING MIRACLES

*The following campers have learned to get up on two skis this summer.*

Jonah Marks  
Devin Lindenmeyr  
Jacob Gonsky  
Liam Fallon  
Alex McGrath

### DROP-SKI MIRACLES

*The following campers learned to drop a ski this summer.*

Magnus Sandusky  
Miles Levine  
Arman Aurora

### SLALOM MIRACLES

*The following campers learned to deep water slalom ski this summer.*

Magnus Sandusky  
Ari Schulman  
Miles Levine

## WHO'S WATCHING THE KIDS? Staff Profiles

### Bryan Fisher

by Adam Slavin

Bryan Fisher is my counselor this summer at camp in Cabin 25. He was originally introduced to camp by his family, who has had a member at camp every year consecutively since 1968. He is 19 years old and was born and raised in Cincinnati, Ohio. Bryan was a camper for 8 years and he was a CIT in 2018. He is currently spending his eleventh summer at Kawaga and his third on staff. Brian earned Sachem for the first time in 2013 and was awarded the name Gentle Quiet Chief, as he is the third generation in his family to make Sachem. He went on to make Sachem a total of six times. His favorite thing to do at camp is hang out at the waterfront. When asked about his favorite memory at Kawaga, Bryan recalls a Blue-Gold basketball game where his team won as the underdog and he had a triple-double. His favorite camp tradition is either the Spectacular or the Sunday evening open areas before powwows. Bryan says that as a camper, his favorite league games to play were basketball and flicker-hoops.

### Jay Adams

by Sam Simon

Jay Adams is from Loveland, Ohio and was born on May 21, 2002 to his parents, Huan and Scott. He has a 17 year old brother named Dylan and his favorite food is a Vietnamese dish called pho. Jay's camping career started in 2012 when he was a Chip. He was a seven year camper and it is his 3rd year on staff. He said it has been the best 10 summers of his life, and that at camp you make life-long relationships. In his years as a camper he made Sachem six times and his name is Fleet Panther. When asked to describe camp in one word he said, "Brotherhood."

His favorite area of camp is either the picture bench or the sailing marina. His favorite and best Kawaga sport is handball. He loves the game and all of the possibilities and physicality as well. Some advice he said he would give to new campers is to "expand your horizons". His favorite line in the Kawaga Ideal is "A son who will know that to know himself is the foundation stone of all true knowledge." This is because it can show how you can adapt and always be ready for what's to come.



In the winter Jay loves to snow ski and has been skiing in Indiana since he was six. He also loves to use a toy called a kendama. It is a stick-like thing with 3 cups and a spike.

Off of that stick is a ball and a string. Jay has gotten super good at it over the years. His favorite trick to do is called the side spike. It is where you flip the ball from the big cup to the spike at a 90° angle or just sideways.

His biggest regret at camp is not appreciating all his camper days when they happened. Jay's first memory from camp is his first year a CIT named Jeremy Reich, took him sailing. He remembered how awesome and special it felt for a CIT to connect and hang with a Chip. He felt like he was in the movies passing Chip Lodge with his hand running in the water in the burning sun. This is one of the profound moments at camp that led him to being a part of Kawaga's revamped sailing staff.

### Kyle Slavin

by Jarrett Goldblatt

Kyle Louis Slavin is an 18-year-old 2019 CIT that is going to the University of Illinois (UIUC). He is from Highland Park, IL and came back to camp this year for his 9th summer at Kawaga. Kyle has 3 siblings: two brothers and one sister. Kyle's favorite activity at camp is water skiing, and his favorite evening program is Casino Night. His favorite camp memory was during his Group 1 summer, where he made double sachem in his cabin on the last day of camp. Kyle's favorite camp food is the waffles that are served on the 4th of July, while his favorite food at home is crab legs. Purple is Kyle's favorite color, and the Devil In A New Dress by Kanye West is his favorite song. Kyle's favorite sports team is the Chicago Bears, and he prefers the Blue-Gold Cup over the Spectacular. Kyle's Sachem name is Feathered Bison. Lastly, Kyle will be the commissioner of the 2021 Kawaga Spectacular.

### Malcolm Newmark

by Alex Miller

Malcolm Newmark is a JC this year in Chip 1. He was born on October 14th, 2003 in Chicago, Illinois to parents Andrew and Pamela. He still lives in Chicago, in this upcoming school year, he will be a senior at Walter Payton College Prep. At home Malcolm enjoys watching Cubs games, playing tennis, and eating Five Guys. Malcolm first came to camp in 2013 as a rookie camper. He made Mawanda in 2014 and his first Sachem in 2015, earning the name "Sagacious Heart." Malcolm loved camp because of the great friendships he formed there with his fellow 2020 CITs. Malcolm made the most of his time as a camper. He really enjoyed the Spectacular and Blue-Gold Cup. He particularly enjoyed the Knowledge Bowl in the Spectacular, which he won three times. Malcolm also

enjoyed going for Sachem every year. The challenge of figuring out where his points would come from and working to execute the plan was satisfying to him. Malcolm actually made Double Sachem his Group 1 summer, something he says is the most difficult thing he has done at camp. Malcolm is excited to be a counselor this year. He says that it has been quite different from being a camper, but an enjoyable experience nonetheless. When asked how long he plans to come back for, Malcolm responded, "As long as I can."

## ALUMNI OF THE WEEK

### Scott Taxman

Scott Taxman attended Kawaga as a camper from 1974-1976. His Sachem name is Gallant Chieftain. Unfortunately, Scott was never a CIT. His reconnection to camp came due to his son, Benny, who is a 3rd year counselor and celebrating 10 years on the shores. Camp is different now for him in that he participates in less



activities but still gets to observe and take in all the joy that takes place at camp, especially all the cheers in Mess Hall. "This is not better or worse, just different but in a good way," Dr. Taxman says. As a parent of a 10 year Brave, aside from visiting weekends, he attended 3 Father-Son Weekends and has had the privilege of being the camp doctor for the last two years, which has allowed him to see firsthand the growth that has taken place with his son due to the influence of Kawaga. If he could tell his camper self anything it would be the same thing that he told his son which is "to take advantage of all the activities available at camp and to get out of your comfort zone, and challenge yourself as much as possible." Dr. Taxman closed his interview with some wise words: "The way camp changed me, and hopefully changes every Brave that comes to the shores, boils down to the Kawaga Ideal. More than just words, it is something that is actively practiced everyday at camp. Because of Kawaga, I can rightfully say that 'I have not lived in vain.'"

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## WHISPERING PINES

Oh when the CITs go on Boundaries!... Seniors 4, Counselors 2... Huxley Sennott Captain Corn... Threena salad... Spatch scratch... SING!... Until next week!

## THIS WEEK IN KAWAGA HISTORY

### A Typical Day at Kawaga in 1919

7:15 am	Reveille
7:15-7:30 am	Sitting-up Exercises & Dip
7:30 am	Breakfast
8:10-9:00 am	Shacks in order, Inspection
9:00-9:30 am	Calisthenics and Drill
9:30-11:10 am	Morning Games
11:10-11:30 am	Swimming for Juniors
11:30-12:00 pm	Swimming for Seniors
12:00 pm	Varied program
12:30 pm	Dinner
1:30-2:15 pm	Rest Period
2:15-4:00 pm	Afternoon Games
4:00-4:30 pm	Swimming for Juniors
4:30-5:00 pm	Swimming for Seniors
5:00 pm	Varied program
6:00 pm	Supper
7:00-9:00 pm	Games/Lectures/Swimming
9:00 pm	Taps

What would be your favorite activity at camp in 1919? What are the biggest differences you notice from today?



## LEAGUE STANDINGS

### CHEESE LEAGUE

TEAM	W	L
God Bless American Cheese	3	1
I Swear I'm Addicted to Blue Cheese	3	1
She Be Trying Havarti	3	1
Har-Brie Weinstein	3	1
Good Morning Cheez-It Nam!	2	2
Krafty Weasels	2	2
Gouda Fellas	0	4
Gouda 4 You By Olivia Rodrigo	0	4

### ONEIDA BLUE-GOLD LEAGUE

TEAM	W	L
Bluda Baker's No Gold Zone	4	0
Rudy Blueiani	3	1
Les Blues	3	1
Ablue Goldzik	2	2
Maya Bri Maya Blue	1	3
Has-Blue-La-Ma-Gold-Medov	0	4

### FISH LEAGUE

TEAM	W	L
Fishing For Dubs	3	0
Trash Scott Uses Auto-Tuna	2	1
Blind Men Walking Past a Fish Market	2	1
Donny Sins What Are You Doin' Stepfish	2	1
OJ Simpson Was Bluegill-ty	0	3
Dizzy's Trout	0	3

### MOHAWK BLUE-GOLD LEAGUE

TEAM	W	L
Blueberry Headband By Little Mosie	4	0
Deja-Blue By Olivia Rodrigold	2	1
Has-Blue-A	1	2
I Love Blueberries	0	4

### BREAKFAST LEAGUE

TEAM	W	L
Put It All On Black, It's Eggs I'm Ruined	3	0
Got Them Pancakes	3	0
Hustling Hoard of Bacon	1	2
Unreal Cereal	1	2
Bowl of Cereal	1	2
Build Me a Buffet Lord	0	3

### CHIP/SIOUX BLUE-GOLD LEAGUE

TEAM	W	L
Oompa Blue-pas	6	0
Blue Infernos	4	2
Gold Man Baker	2	4
Let's Goooold!	0	6